

# The Copper Dome

What's happening at the Arizona Legislature with State Senator Pamela Gorman.

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### Latest Dates on I-17 Improvements

On March 3, representatives from the Arizona Department of Transportation joined residents from District 6 for our monthly coffee meeting at the Anthem Community Center. Here's a highlight of what they talked about:

- The State Transportation Board has approved funding from the Statewide Acceleration Needs (STAN) account authorized by the Legislature to advance construction for a third general-purpose lane on I-17 from the Carefree Highway to Anthem Way. This project was originally scheduled to be constructed in 2023, based on the Regional Transportation Plan developed by the Maricopa Association of Governments. However, construction of the HOV lane along this section of I-17 is still planned for the phase from 2021 to 2025.
- Construction of I-17 improvements between Loop 101 and Anthem Way are set to begin this spring. Here's how the projects are scheduled:
- New interchanges at Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive will start construction this spring.

- This summer, construction will begin on the new Carefree Highway interchange – which will be a diamond-clover design developed with community input. There will not be roundabouts installed.
- This coming winter, we will see the addition of new lanes from Loop 101 to Jomax Road. This will add one general-purpose lane and one HOV lane in each direction. Deer Valley Road interchange improvements will also begin.
- In the spring of 2008, ADOT will begin the addition of freeway lanes from Jomax Road to the Carefree Highway. This will also add a general-use and an HOV lane in each direction. At the same time, new interchanges at Dove Valley Road and Lone Mountain Road will begin. Lone Mountain Road will be the future connection for the Loop 303.

ADOT said all I-17 improvement projects from Loop 101 to the Carefree Highway are scheduled to be complete by the end of 2009. By 2010, they will complete the additional lanes to Anthem Way. They stressed the importance of drivers to slow down, pay attention and be patient during construction.

If you have questions, here's the West Valley contact for ADOT projects:

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